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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its resolution 1996/7, the Economic and Social Council approved the substantive items of the agenda of the Commission for Social Development for its future sessions. The following draft provisional agenda is presented to the Commission for review and adoption at the present session, taking into account resolutions and decisions adopted by the Commission, and will be submitted to the Council for approval.

2. The attention of the Commission is drawn to item 3 (b) of the draft provisional agenda, Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups. Traditionally, the Commission reviews, on a biennial basis, plans and programmes of action relating to ageing, disability, youth and issues related to the family. In the light of the annualization of the Commission, it may wish to select one or two of these plans and programmes of action for in-depth discussion at each of its future sessions. For example, at its thirty-sixth session in 1998, the Commission would review the progress made towards the preparation for the International Year of Older Persons (1999).

3. With regard to item 4 of the draft provisional agenda, Programme questions and other matters, the Commission has, on a biennial basis, reviewed the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development. Despite the annualization of the sessions of the Commission, it is proposed that the review of this report be maintained on a biennial basis.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION FOR THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development:

The Commission will review progress made in the implementation and follow-up to the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and consider at each of its sessions issues relating to the enabling environment for social development, the special situation of Africa and the least developed countries, enhancement of social development goals in structural adjustment programmes, the mobilization of domestic and international resources for social development, and the framework for international, regional and subregional cooperation for social development.

(a) Priority theme: Promoting social integration and participation of all people, including disadvantaged and vulnerable groups and persons;

The Commission will consider the following specific topics: (i) promoting social integration through responsive government, full participation in society, non-discrimination, tolerance, equality and social justice; (ii) enhancing social protection, reducing vulnerability and enhancing employment opportunities for groups with specific needs; and (iii) violence, crime and the problem of illicit drugs and substance abuse as factors of social disintegration. The Commission will consider the specific topics also from a gender perspective.

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups;

(c) Emerging issues and trends and new approaches to issues affecting social development, as necessary.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration and participation

Report of the Secretary-General on preparation for the International Year of Older Persons (1999)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Commission's discussions on the issue of employment

4. Programme questions and other matters:

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

5. Provisional agenda for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-sixth session.